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1. Many Soviet troops started arriving at the Letzling Heath (M 53/Y 53) camp in the woods on the night of 17 April 1950. (1) They had been detained in "Neuhaldensleben" or came by road from the direction of Magdeburg. (1) (2)

2. The following trains arrived :

Night of 17 April 1950 :

a. Three trains, each carrying 20 tanks and an unidentified number of SP guns, armored reconnaissance cars and trucks, coming from the direction of Magdeburg. The train was unloaded in Haldensleben.

19 April 1950

b. A train including 20 boxcars occupied by about 400 officers and men wearing red-bordered black epaulets was unloaded in Neuhaldensleben. Three BA-64 armored reconnaissance cars

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were also detained. A railroadman said that six tanks or SP guns had also been on the train. The detained troops moved to the camp in the woods. (1)

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- c. A train of 43 tank cars arrived in Haldensleben at

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25X1 3 p.m. and proceeded to the Hillersleben artillery range. A Soviet officer was looking for special tank trucks for transportation of fuel, according to a filling station attendant. Motor vehicles

25X1 hauled equipment, bedsteads, lockers and ammunition from the Haldersleben railroad station to the wood-camp.

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25X1 d. A train of 24 boxcars occupied by about 500 officers and men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with crossed-gun-barrel insignia and motor transport insignia, moved to the barracks at the Hillersleben artillery range at 3 p.m. A convoy of 20 trucks went from Haldensleben to the Hillersleben barracks at the same time.

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3. a. Intensive construction work was observed at the camp in the woods. Under construction were :

Cantonment buildings to serve as EW quarters

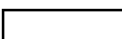
Motor vehicle garages (in the southern camp section) under

Small semi-ground cantonment buildings, presumably for storage of ammunition. A sentry stood in front of three completed buildings.

b. A bakery to deliver bread to the camp was established in Hillersleben. The quota was one loaf of bread per day for three men. The bakery would be issued a daily quota of 24 tons of flour.

c. A sales stand of the Haldensleben cooperative stores was established in the former Soviet stores in Huetten. The sales stand was to be prepared for 75,000 men according to a member of the cooperative stores' board of directors. It was to be open until October 1950; the monthly return would be about one million eastmarks. (4)

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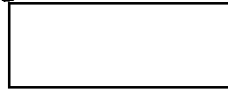
4. A train carrying 40 trucks, 10 passenger cars, 

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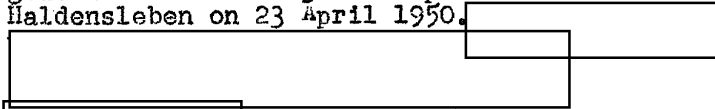
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armored reconnaissance cars, about six 76.2-mm AT guns and more than 300 troops was unloaded in Haldensleben on 23 April 1950.

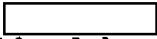
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



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



5. A train of 20 boxcars occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets moved to the Hillersleben artillery range at 4 p.m. (3)

- 25X1 6. Truck  towing a 75-mm AT gun was observed in Haldensleben on the same day.

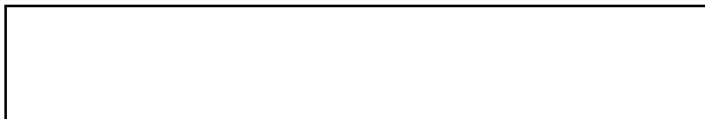
- 25X1 (1)  Comment : The information confirms component units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div in the Letzling Heath training area. (5)

- 25X1 (2)  Comment : The units which arrived by road from the direction of Magdeburg may have been headquarters troops of the Third Shock Army.

- 25X1 (3)  Comment : Artillery units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div may have been in the Hillersleben barracks only temporarily in order to fire for record with live ammunition.

- 25X1 (4)  Comment : The information on expansion of the camp in the woods is known from previous reports.

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